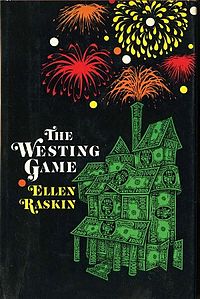
**The Westing Game**

Grade Band 6-8 Reading Level 3.3



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Chapters 1-4

Barney Northrup sold all of the**apartments** in Sunset Towers in one day. Sunset Towers faced a lake. Across from the lake, there was a big **mansion**. It was called the Westing House. A rich man named Sam Westing lived there. No one had seen him in a long time. Sixteen people were **heirs** to Mr. Westing’s **fortune**.

On Halloween, Turtle went into the **mansion**. She was a tough girl living in Sunset Towers. She found Mr. Westing and thought he was dead. Sixteen people were **heirs** to Mr. Westing’s **fortune**.

The next morning, sixteen people received a **letter**. It said that Sam Westing was dead. The people were **heirs** to his **fortune**. This news was a big surprise. Most of the **heirs** lived in Sunset Towers. Some of themknew Mr. Westing well. Other **heirs** did not know him at all. The **letter** said to meet at the Westing House. Sixteen people were **heirs** to Mr. Westing’s **fortune**.

Chapters 5-8

The heirs went into the library at the mansion. Sam Westing’s coffin was in the corner of the room. Seeing his body again **scared**Turtle. The heirs were playing the Westing **Game**.

Mr. Plum was Sam Westing’s **lawyer**. He read the **will** to the group. The heirs were chosen to play the Westing **Game**. To win the **game**, they had to figure out who killed Mr. Westing. The winner would become rich. The heirs were playing the Westing **Game**. H

The heirs partnered into eight **pairs**. Each **pair** got ten thousand dollars and different sets of **clues**. The**clues**didn’t make sense. The heirs were playing the Westing **Game**.

That night, there was a snowstorm. Everyone was trapped inside Sunset Towers. They worked on figuring out their **clues**. Most of the heirs thought the **clues** were about a person. The heirs were playing the Westing **Game**.

Chapters 9-12

One of the heirs was a**judge**. She had a party in her apartment. She wanted the heirs to talk about their clues. At the party, no one shared their clues. No one**laughed** either. Many of the heirs were**annoyed** because they wanted to win the game. The heirs wanted to know about each other’s clues.

The next morning, the heirs met in a coffee shop in the building. One of the heirs had an idea. If they shared their clues, they could all win the game. The **Judge** said that everyone should wait to share their clues. The heirs wanted to know about each other’s clues.

The **Judge** decided to hire a **detective**. She wanted to learn more about each person in Sunset Towers. The heirs wanted to know about each other’s clues.

Chapters 13-16

The heirs were still **trapped** in the building because of the **snowstorm**. That night, they ate dinner together. They didn’t sit with their partners because everyone wanted to find out more clues. The heirs were very **suspicious** of each other.

The next day, the heirs could finally go outside. The Judge’s partner was a **doorman***.* His name was Sandy. He thought he knew who the clues were about. The heirs were very **suspicious** of each other.

Later, the Judge talked to the detective. She found out that long ago, Mr. Westing had a daughter. Her name was Violet. She died before her **wedding**. Sandy said that her death could be an important clue. The heirs were very **suspicious** of each other.

Chapters 17-20

Sandy wrote everything about the heirs in a **notebook**. Everyone seemed to be connected to Mr. Westing. Even the cleaning lady, Crow, was connected to the Westing family. The Judge and Sandy learned more about the Westing family.

The Judge learned more about Violet. Violet’s mother wanted her to marry a rich man, but Violet **loved** someone else. Violet couldn’t say no to her mother. The Judge and Sandy learned more about the Westing family.

The Judge thought that Mrs. Westing was one of the heirs. Mr. Westing blamed his **wife** for Violet’s death. They had to find Mr. Westing’s**wife** in Sunset Towers. She could be in **danger**. The Judge and Sandy learned more about the Westing family.

Chapters 21-22

Sandy had written about almost all of the heirs in his notebook. The only heir left was his partner, the Judge. The Judge told Sandy her parents were Mr. Westing’s**servants**. She grew up in the Westing House. Mr. Westing had paid for all of her **education**. Mr. Westing could still be**alive**!

The Judge thought Crow was Mrs. Westing. Crow was the only one that was old enough. They needed to **protect** her from Mr. Westing. The Judge thought that Mr. Westing was **alive**! She thought he was disguised as one of the heirs. Mr. Westing could still be **alive**!

Chapters 23-24

The heirs met at the Westing House for their final meeting. The lawyer told the heirs to say who they thought killed Mr. Westing. One pair sang the **song** *America the Beautiful* as their answer. Everyone was **surprised**. All of their clues were words in the **song**. The heirs had to **finish** the game.

After everyone said their answer, the lawyer read another note. It said they were all wrong! They had to find the answer before something bad happened. They put all of the clues together. Their clues made the words to *America the Beautiful*. A few letters and words were **missing**. The **missing** parts spelled out “Crow.” The heirs thought Crow killed Mr. Westing. The heirs had to **finish** the game.

The Judge knew Crow was **innocent**. She thought Mr. Westing was trying to hurt Crow. She started to think that Sandy was Mr. Westing. Suddenly, Sandy dropped to the ground. Everyone thought he was dead. They were upset. The heirs had to **finish** the game.

Chapters 25-26

Crow was**arrested** for killing Mr. Westing. The heirs realized that Sandy was Mr. Westing! He was also Barney Northrup, the man who first sold them the apartments. Crow couldn’t have killed him. Turtle wanted to win the game.

The Judge realized that Crow was a**distraction**. The game was about something else. Turtle held a **trial**. She wanted to know what the game was about. Turtle wanted to win the game.

After **questioning** all the heirs, she figured out that Sandy was still alive. Mr. Westing was **disguised** as Sandy. He also had another **disguise**. Turtle had to find his other **disguise** to win the game. Turtle didn’t tell anyone else. Turtle wanted to win the game.

Chapters 27-28

After the trial, Crow walked back into the room. She was innocent. Turtle figured out Mr. Westing’s other disguise. Turtle won the Westing Game!

The next morning, Turtle went to Mr. Westing’s mansion. She wanted to collect her **prize**. She went inside and found Mr. Westing. He smiled when he saw Turtle. Turtle won the Westing Game!

Turtle never told anyone that she won the game. She never told anyone that Mr. Westing was still alive. Five years later, the heirs had a party. They were all happy. Turtle was in **college**. They talked about their **successful** lives. Turtle won the Westing Game!

Turtle continued to visit Mr. Westing until he died. He died when he was a very old man. When Mr. Westing died, Turtle took over his **business**. She lived in a mansion with her husband. Turtle loved games as much as Mr. Westing. Turtle won the Westing Game!

The Westing Game Vocabulary Definitions

\*This list is a vocabulary reference tool. Teachers should choose existing words and/or create additional words based on student needs.

**Essential Vocabulary**Important Vocabulary

**Apartment: a large building made up of many rooms that different people can live in**

**Mansion: a very large house**

**Heirs: people who receive money or land from someone who has died**

Fortune: a large amount of money

Letter: a written message

Scared: a feeling of fright or alarm

**Game: a fun activity**

Lawyer: a person who practices law as their job

**Will: a document that says who will get a person’s belongings after they die**

**Pairs: groups of two, partners**

**Clues: something that helps someone find something or solve a mystery**

**Judge: a person who makes decisions in a court of law**

Laughed: showing emotion with a chuckle

Annoyed: disturbed or irritated

Detective: someone who solves crimes, catches criminals, and gathers information

Trapped: stuck; unable to move

Snowstorm: a storm with a lot of snow

Suspicious: questionable or unusual

Doorman: someone who opens and closes a door for others

Wedding: when two people get married

Notebook: a book to write in

Love: a feeling of strong affection for someone else

Wife: a married woman

Danger: not being safe from harm or injury

Servants: someone who serves others

Education: Information or skills learned by studying or practicing

**Alive: not dead, having life**

Protect: to keep safe; to cover from something that would hurt

Song: a short piece of music

Surprised: unexpected

Finish: to end; to complete

Missing: lost

**Innocent: free from guilt or blame**

Arrested: to take someone away for breaking a law

Distraction: something that makes it hard to pay attention

**Trial: the hearing and judgment of a case in court**

Questioning: to ask about something

**Disguise: to change how you look to hide who you are**

Prize: something won in a contest

College: a school higher than high school

Successful: doing very well

Business: making, buying, and selling goods and services

*All definitions adapted from www.wordcentral.com*

**The Westing Game Object List**

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| **Vocabulary** | **Object** |
| Apartment | Key; Apartment building model; Brick |
| Mansion | Toy House |
| Heirs | Real/Fake Money; Family Photo; Family figurines |
| Fortune | Real/Fake Money |
| Letter | Envelope |
| Scared | Hide under a blanket |
| Game | Dice; Game Pieces; Playing Cards |
| Lawyer | Briefcase |
| Pairs | Set of 2 objects (dolls, blocks, etc) |
| Clues | Magnifying glass |
| Judge | Gavel |
| Laughed | Demonstrate laughing; Textured smile |
| Annoyed | Textured angry face |
| Detective | Magnifying glass |
| Trapped | Toy Cage; Lock and key |
| Snowstorm | Ice |
| Suspicious | Textured question mark |
| Doorman | Whistle; Doorknocker |
| Wedding | Veil; Tulle; Miniature bride/groom |
| Notebook | Notebook |
| Love | Demonstrating holding hands/Heart |
| Wife | Ring; Man and woman figurines |
| Danger | Caution tape; Textured caution sign |
| Servants | Apron; Serving tray |
| Education | School books |
| Alive | Feeling heartbeat/pulse |
| Protect | Helmet |
| Song | Audio Music; Instruments |
| Surprised | Jack in the Box/Party Horn/Confetti |
| Finish | Textured symbol/sign for all done |
| Missing | Puzzle with a piece missing |
| Arrested | Handcuffs |
| Distraction | Blind Fold |
| Questioning | Textured question mark |
| Disguise | Dress up clothes/Pretend glasses with attached mustache |
| Prize | Ribbon; Trophy |
| College | School books |
| Successful | Stickers; Tactile good job sign |
| Business | Toy cash register |

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